



IS IT THE INDIANAPOLIS COLTS? Nope, just a bunch of Bird City kids playing flag football. Derek Vandike, with the ball, tries to avoid Jacob Brubaker's grasp. Other players, from left to right, are Danae Magnani, Danielle Frink, Allie Frisbie and Alex Hazuka.

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## Members hear request for warning signs

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Bird City Council members listened as Mike and Amy McCarty requested that signs warning drivers of children playing in the area be installed near their home during the public agenda at Monday night's meeting. Mrs. McCarty said she has concerns about drivers not slowing down and watching out for children as it has been some time since children have lived on that corner.

"I know its my responsibility to keep them off the street, but I worry about them drifting onto the side street," Mrs. McCarty said

City superintendent, Sam Beeson, said it would take a few days to get some signs in and up but it shouldn't be a problem. He suggested that the westbound one be put on the corner and the eastbound one be put by the city well to include the children in the apartments of the housing authority. All council members felt that was a good plan.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarty also asked what the procedure was for getting the street paved near their home. Mayor Troy Burr said he was unsure of the requirements and would check with the legal advisor. He thought that a certain percentage of the residents on a street had to sign a petition and then agree to pay for a share.

Next on the agenda was Stuart Johnson of 315 E. Third St. The couple asked the council about the ordinance against loud habitually annoying dogs. They wanted to

know if and how the ordinance was to be enforced, and who to call. They have called the dispatch office three times in the middle of the night after being kept up by barking dogs and no response has ever been given. Later in the meeting Sheriff Craig VanAllen said that some dog owners have been spoken to and the dogs were well taken care of and no problem was observed at the time.

"Its hard to enforce when we don't see it happening," Sheriff VanAllen said.

More will be looked into keeping the dogs quiet.

The ordinance to allow all terrain vehicles to be driven in the city limits was looked at and tabled until next month when legal counsel could answer questions about the definition of a licensed driver and whether other paragraphs needed to be more specific.

### Sewer project

Chris Miller, Miller and Associates, McCook, was present to show the plans for the lagoon system and get more input on the council's wishes regarding demolition of the existing plant and reclamation of the land it sits on. He told the council that there is approximately 500 yards of very useful two- to three inch rock in the trickling filter of the existing plant that could be salvaged and used for many other projects. It will have to be decided where the rock will be stored and whether the fence should be removed. Surrounding landowners will be contacted as to their interest

in the property so they would not have to farm around it.

Bids from contractors will be accepted for the work until the end of January and the work will hopefully begin in March 2008.

### Other Business

In other business:

- Member Wade Carmichael reported on the progress at the park. The animal-shaped swings were repainted by Charles Coleman and have been put back in the park. Everything else has been going smoothly and the next step is getting the electrical work completed.

- The council voted to approve the purchase of six new tires for the one-ton pickup driven by Craig White.

- Rod Young will try to repair the leak in the skid loader. If he cannot, then Yost in St. Francis will work on it.

- City employee Daryl Miller reported that a meter for well number 5 could be purchased from the wholesaler for \$1,100 or Western Sprinkler would sell one including installation for \$1,110.88. Members opted for the bid from Western Sprinkler.

- Building permits were approved for Martin Estrada. One to add on to the house and one to build a shed.

- Mayor Burr appointed Stacey Hazuka for another four-year term on the Housing Authority Board

- The council approved an ordinance of a water conservation plan to comply with state regulations.



KAYLA BURSCH, student teacher, helps Dominique Johnston in Mrs. Weber's second grade class.

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## Student teacher works with Cheylin first and second graders

By Karen Krien

Kayla Bursch is a new face in the Cheylin Elementary School as she completes her student teaching in Kathy Weber's first and second grade class.

Under Mrs. Weber's guidance, she will gradually teach different subjects, and, eventually, teach the entire class.

"I have really enjoyed working with Mrs. Weber," she said. "She

is a good mentor."

Mrs. Bursch said her love of children led her to choose a teaching career. She works with 16 students and said she finds teaching the children "very rewarding."

She began at the first of the school year. She will end her student teaching in December when she graduates from Fort Hays State University with a degree in elementary education.

Mrs. Bursch was born and raised in Norton and graduated from the Norton High School. She and her husband Clint, live south of Bird City where Mr. Bursch is a farmer.

"Kayla has been a joy to work with," Mrs. Weber said. "I have really appreciated having her here and she is doing a wonderful job."

She also added that having "new blood" in the system is good and she is learning from Mrs. Bursch.